

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: PUBLIC ACCESS CONTROLS

REF: A. OUAGADOUGOU 3711; B. ABIDJAN 7625

1. RSS HAS NOT HAD OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT ADDRESSEE POSTS LISTED IN REFTEL B. ONLY DAKAR AND ABIDJAN HAVE BEEN INSPECTED AND AT NEITHER POST HAVE WE, AS YET, ESTABLISHED THE REQUIRED STANDARDS.

2. REFTEL B IS EFFECTIVE OF AN RSO WHO HAS WORKED DILIGENTLY TO ASSIST POSTS ON STANDARDS. AS HE HAS COMMENTED ON DURING THE PAST YEAR, RSOS ARE NEITHER DESIGNER NOR ARCHITECTS AND "PROFESSIONALAS" TO SUPERVISE CONSTRUCTION OF THESE PROJECTS SIMPLY DO NOT EXIST AT MOST POSTS IN WEST AFRICA.

3. CONTRARY TO THE THRUST OF REFTEL A, RSS CANNOT AGREE WITH AF/EX DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THAT THERE ARE A HOST OF FOREIGN SERVICE PERSONNEL WHO WOULD PREFER TO RISK A LITTLE DANGER. RSS HAS TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY IN PAST 3 YEARS AND HAS FAILED TO FIND DISSENTERS. AS A MATTER OF FACT PRACTICALLY ALL AMBASSADORS HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED AND RECEPTIVE. SOME HAVE EVEN VOICED ENTHUSIASM  
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ON THOSE OCCASIONS WHERE BOTH THE SECURITY AND THE AESTHETICS OF EMBASSIES COULD BE ENHANCED.

4. WE, OF COURSE, ACKNOWLEDGE MALFUNCTIONING EQUIPMENT BUT HAVE, I BELIEVE, DEDICATED OURSELVES TO EFFECT REPAIRS AS CONSCIENTIOUSLY AND AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE. IN THIS REGARD, THE RSS RECENTLY FORWARDED A REMINDER

TO ALL RSOS TO INSURE THAT MALFUNCTIONING EQUIPMENT IS REPORTED ON A TIMELY BASIS SO THAT OUR LIMITED RESOURCES COULD BE MAXIMIZED.

5. BELIEVE THAT DASS LETTER OF AUGUST 15, PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR REDESIGNING A LOBBY FOR PUBLIC ACCESS CONTROLS IS TIMELY AND WILL BE HELPFUL, PARTICULARLY THAT PORTION RELATING TO FBO PROVIDING A&E DRAWINGS OR AUTHORIZING THE POST CONTRACT FOR THESE DRAWINGS.

6. WE HAVE CONSTRUCTED NEW OFFICE BUILDINGS AROUND THE WORLD AND I CAN SEE NO REASON WHY, WITH JOINT AND COOPERATIVE EFFORT BY ALL, THAT MINIMUM STANDARDS CANNOT BE PROFESSIONALLY IMPLEMENTED, IN A PRACTICAL MANNER, AND IN GOOD TASTE.

7. CAN APPRECIATE COMMENT OF REFTTEL A AND HOPE TO BELIEVE THAT AUTHOR IS TRYING TO ASSIST US WITH SOME DIFFICULT PROBLEMS.

8. WE SHOULD IDENTIFY THOSE INSTALLATIONS REFERRED TO BY THE AF/EX DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WHICH ARE "LAUGHABLE AND CHILDS PLAY" AND CORRECT THESE DEFICIENCIES SOONEST.

9. FINALLY, RSS WOULD LIKE TO BELIEVE THAT THE HIGH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VISIBILITY OF SECURITY WHICH WE ARE TRYING TO ACHIEVE HAS SERVED AS A POSITIVE DETERRENT AND IN SO DOING WE HAVE PROVIDED PROTECTION TO THE FOREIGN SERVICE AND PERHAPS AVOIDED CRISIS INCIDENTS FROM OCCURRING. I STILL BELIEVE THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR SAFETY AND APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S EFFORT IN THIS REGARD.  
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